

## Coin Board News

## For Collectors of Antique Coin Boards





COIN BOARDS NOT FOR SALE Though I did manage to purchase seven coin boards during the past quarter, three of these went into my own collection, while three others were placed to a want-list customer. The sole remaining board is unremarkable, and I bought it just to get the deal. Obviously, that's not enough to warrant putting out a new sale list. I had more luck in getting some nice early folders, but again there weren't enough to make a presentable offering. I certainly hope that this drought ends sometime soon, but that's out of my control. In the mean time, information about some of the new board purchases will be found below under other headings.

MARKET ACTIVITY The past quarter has seen some pretty interesting eBay listings of coin boards, though not all of them resulted in actual sales. A rare Kent Company board for Indian Head Cents, completely filled, was listed at \$490 or best offer. The same seller also posted a nearly filled Whitman First Edition board for Lincoln Cents at \$479 obo, and this sold for \$379. A single seller offered three First Edition Whitman boards, two for Liberty Head Nickels that sold for \$63 and \$30, respectively, and a Barber Dime board that was offered at \$45 but evidently was sold directly and de-listed. There were three partially filled Oberwise boards for Lincoln Cents in so-so condition that sold for the value of the coins. Of course, there were the usual listings of common, overpriced boards, and some of these are still available as this is written.

I made a good purchase of seven coin boards at the Long Beach Expo in February. The seller had 11 pieces in all, but the prices were high, even after some negotiation, so I bought only the better ones. Three of these proved to be keepers, and they're described below under Book Updates. Sold very quickly to a longtime customer were the following: 2322 L1¢Bd.2 F \$50, 2324 O5¢Bk VF-NM \$45 and 2325 O10¢Ak VF-NM \$50. The first of these is a rare Lincoln Printing Company board with the Oberwise overprint, an item on several collectors' want-lists.

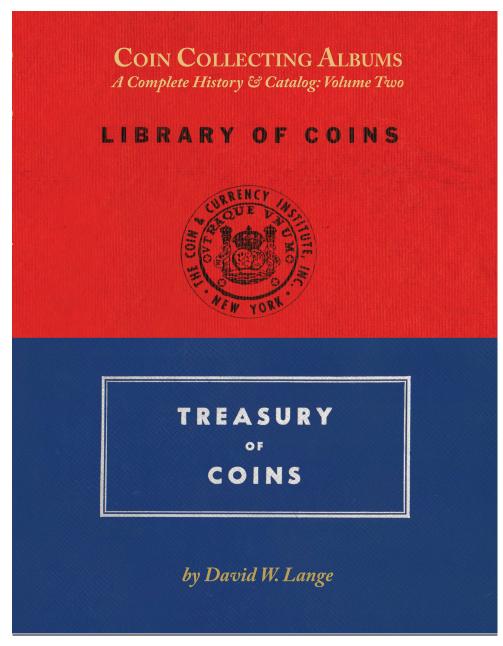
BOOK UPDATES The only new variety to surface was one of my Long Beach purchases, a new backing to the Oberwise Indian Head Cent board, O1¢An. I purchased three other boards just to add their delightful vendor stamps to my collection, and these are illustrated with this newsletter. Also illustrated is a hand-corrected address dating to when Joseph Oberwise moved his store across the street around 1939. This photo was sent to me by collector Chris Buck. Finally, I've included the front cover from the inaugural issue of Krause Publications' trade magazine, *The Coin Dealer*, an item I've been seeking for some time and was finally able to purchase. Debuting in 1963 and now long forgotten, its first issue depicts a Kent Company board for Lincoln Cents from 1935. No, it's not a new color variety; KP just took some liberties with the photo to accommodate its two-color printing process!

MY NEW BOOK IS FINALLY AT THE DRINTER? After more than a year and a half of work, Volume Two of my book series on coin albums is complete and has gone to the printer. This one details the very popular Library of Coins line of albums and its little brother for beginners, the Treasury of Coins. Also included are histories of Capitol Coin Company and its publishing division, The Coin and Currency Institute, as well as a biography of founder Robert Friedberg and his family. This is a deluxe, hardcover book of quality similar to that of Volume One. Among its 144 pages are 64 in full color that illustrate all of the C&CI product line in detail. Attached is a flyer illustrating the book's cover and providing ordering instructions. Please note the pre-publication price that is valid until May 1, as well as the reduced prices on my earlier books.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN I'll be at the Whitman Baltimore Expo March 31-April 2, the CSNS Convention April 28-30 and the Long Beach Expo June 9-11. I anticipate having my new book for sale at the latter two shows.

Dave

## **New Book!**

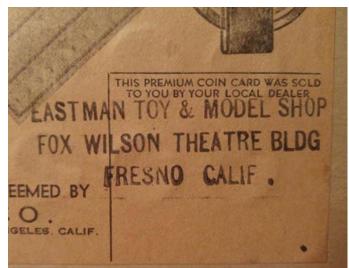


Continuing his highly acclaimed series of books about coin boards and albums, numismatic researcher David W. Lange has written *Coin Collecting Albums – A Complete History & Catalog Volume Two: The Library of Coins and the Treasury of Coins*. In addition to providing detailed catalogs and photos of both coin album lines, this book provides a history of their publisher, The Coin and Currency Institute, and an entertaining biography of the company's founder, famed coin dealer Robert Friedberg. Richly illustrated, this new book has 144 heavy and coated pages, including 64 pages in full color. It is a deluxe, hardcover volume that will last for many years. The list price is \$49.95, but this beautiful book is being offered at the prepublication price of \$45 until May 1, 2016, which is the expected delivery date. Shipping is additional at \$10 for priority mail in a rigid, protective box.

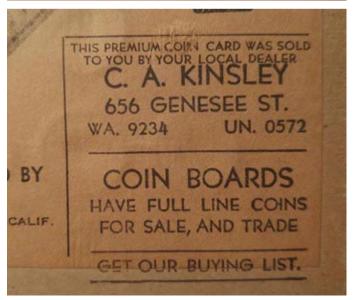
Also available from Lange's PennyBoard Press<sup>TM</sup> are his two previous books. *Coin Collecting Albums – A Complete History & Catalog Volume One: The National Coin Album & Related Products of Beistle, Raymond & Meghrig.* Published at \$75, this deluxe, hardcover book is now available at just \$44.95. *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog and Value Guide*, published at \$39.95, is now just \$19.95. Shipping is the same as for the new book. Call or write for combined shipping of two or more books.

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## PENNY COLLECTOR FILL ME IF YOU CAN



The idea is to collect a complete set of pennies in the best available condition.

The numbers under the dates on the card indicate the approximate millions coined each year at each mint.

"S" below the date on the penny indicates San Francisco mint—"D", Denver—No mint mark, Philadelphia.

Victor D. Brenner designed the penny. His initials appear at the bottom edge of the tail of first issue 1909 only.

There are some pennies dated 1922 without mint mark in circulation though Phila. claims to have made none.

Clean your specimens with a soft eraser or a little vinegar before placing them in the board.

Set, 1854, by J. K. Prot. Hasnati, Wie.

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